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Introductory Services of Worship

FIRST SELECTION

God Our Father

THERE is one God and Father of all.
Above all and through all and in us all.
In Him we live and move.
In Him we have our being.
Of Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To whom be glory for ever.
His righteousness is like the high mountains and His judgments are a great deep.
The Eternal is an everlasting God.
He giveth power to the faint.
And to them that have no might He increaseth strength.
They that wait upon Him shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Like as a father pitieth his children,
So the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

For His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations.

Can a woman forget her child that she should not have compassion on her son?

Yea; she may forget, yet will not I forget, saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel.

A Father to the fatherless is our God.

A strength to the needy in his distress.

A refuge for the oppressed.

Our dwelling place in all generations.

If they who are evil know how to give good gifts to their children,

Much more shall the heavenly Father give to them that ask in righteousness; to them that call upon His name in faith.

He shall forgive our iniquities.

And heal all our diseases.

He shall redeem our life from destruction.

And crown us with loving kindness and with tender mercies.

They that put their trust in the Lord

Shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed.

For with the Father of lights there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

He shall endure though we fail and pass away.

The firmament declareth His glory, the prophets proclaim His judgments.

The Father of an infinite majesty, to whom be praise forevermore.

O Lord, when we cry unto Thee from the deep, and wait for Thee as they that wait for the morning.

Thou wilt have regard to our entreaty, the sigh of the lowly Thou wilt not despise.

Send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead us into Thy holy presence.

For with Thee is the fountain of life, and in Thy light shall we see light.

O continue Thy loving kindness unto us, and speak righteousness unto our souls, that we may grow more nearly unto the perfect pattern.

Unto the knowledge of the sons of God, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of the Christ.

SECOND SELECTION

Man Our Brother

BEHOLD how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

For there the Lord commandeth a blessing, even life forevermore.

He that would love life and see good days, let him seek peace and pursue it.

Let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile.

Let him not say I will honor the wise and hate the unwise; I will have respect unto the rich and despise the poor.

For God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that worketh righteousness and doeth the will of the Lord shall abide forever.

Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen.

Therefore withhold not kindness from them that are in need.

But bear ye one another's burdens.

For God hath designed men to be of greater service to each other,

Than hands or feet, eyes or other members, which He hath given in pairs.

Though there be diversities of gifts it is the same Spirit.

And though there be different kinds of service, yet it is the same Lord that worketh in all and through us all.

Be ye therefore eyes to the blind and feet to the lame.

Remembering them that are in bonds as if bound with them.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice.

And weep with them that weep.

And let him that giveth, do it with simplicity.

And him that sheweth mercy, let him shew it with cheerfulness.

For though I give all my goods to feed the poor and have not the spirit of love,

If I have not the spirit of love, it profiteth me nothing.

Wherefore let us not be weary in well doing.

For in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

But laying aside all malice, all envy and evil speaking,

Let us follow after the things which make for peace and the things whereby we may help one another.

Love as brethren and be courteous, putting on the ornament of a meek and gentle spirit.

And over all put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Be ye tender hearted, forgiving one another.

Even as God in His loving kindness forgiveth us.

And be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

For wrath is not stilled by wrath at any time, anger ceases by love — this is an everlasting law.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily unto God, keeping the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

And the God of love and peace shall be with us alway. Amen.

THIRD SELECTION

Jesus Our Leader

FOR this cause came I unto the world, and to this end was I born, that I should bear witness to the truth.

And work the works of Him that sent me.

The spirit of truth shall guide you into all truth.

And the truth shall make you free.

If any one desires to come after me,

Let him deny himself and take up his cross.

He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me,

The same is not worthy of me.

For I came not to do mine own will,

But the will of the Father that sent me.

Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom,

But he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

For whosoever shall do the will of God,

The same is my brother and sister.

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden,

And I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Ask and it shall be given you.

Seek and ye shall find.

Every one that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth.

And to him that knocketh the door shall be opened.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,

And all needful things shall be added unto you.

For thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.

And thy neighbor as thyself.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you,

Do ye even so unto them.

Who was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?

He that went to him and shewed mercy unto him.

Whoso giveth a cup of cold water only shall not lose his reward.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.

And take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones.

For inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye do it unto me.

Blessed are the merciful:

For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the meek:

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are the peace makers:

For they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake:

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works,

And glorify the Father who is in heaven.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to the other.

If ye love one another even as I have loved you.

FOURTH SELECTION

Character Our Salvation

WHEREWITH shall we come before the Lord and bow ourselves before the Most High?

He hath shewn us in our hearts what is good and what it is He doth require.

For he that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

Say ye of the righteous that it shall be well with him.

For he shall eat of the fruit of his doings.

Therefore to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly before the Lord.

Is greater far than the sacrifice of many offerings.

The path of the just is as the dawning light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

The stars in their course uphold the righteous; the stones of the field are in league with them.

Walk thou then in the path of the good.

And keep the way of the righteous.

If sinners entice thee, consent thou not; go not into the path of the wicked.

And go not in the way of evil men.

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee; ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be steadfast.

So shalt thou be kept from falling and unto thee shall be given gladness of heart.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.

And he whose strength is in the Lord.

Blessed is he who regardeth justice.

And he who practiseth righteousness at all times.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity.

In whose spirit there is no guile.

Blessed is he who seeing his brother have need, shutteth not up his heart against his brother.

For he shall inherit the kingdom of the Heavenly Father prepared from the foundation of the world.

He that will save his soul and enter into the joy of the Lord.

Let him be faithful in that which is least as well as faithful in that which is most.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it therefore with thy might, being fruitful in every good work.

For by our fruits shall we be judged.

And be ye faithful unto death, that at the close ye may be able to say,

I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course.

Then shall the Lord the righteous Judge give unto you the crown of everlasting life.

The crown laid up for all them that love the Lord; who strive on earth to do and bear His heavenly will.

FIFTH SELECTION

Progress Our Destiny

BEHOLD what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us,

That we should be called the sons of God.

Beloved, now are we children of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be:

For eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath the heart of man conceived the things that God hath prepared for them that love Him.

Now we know in part.

But then shall we know even as we are known.

And every one that hath this hope in him purifieth himself.

Even as He is pure.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

For the things which are seen are but for a time; but the things which are not seen are everlasting.

Set your mind, therefore, on the things above, striving to be followers of that which is good.

And rejoice in the Lord always.

Faithful is He who calleth you by His Spirit; His promises of old are faithfulness and truth, therefore forgetting the things that are behind,

And reaching forth unto the things that are before,.

Press onward toward the mark

For the prize of the heavenly calling of God.

To them that are in the way of righteousness, neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Shall be able to separate them from the love of God.

Wherefore quench not the spirit nor enter into the ways of sin.

For the wages of sin is death.

But they that are led by the Spirit of God shall be deemed worthy of the resurrection: nor pain nor grief shall come them nigh, their souls are in the hands of God.

For them the strength of death is fled, the mightiness of distress is overcome.

They shall endure, though heaven and earth shall pass away; yea, though the world wax old like a garment.

And like a vesture it be changed and destroyed.

Gladness eternal shall be upon them for aye: gladness and rapture shall be their portion.

For to them shall be known the joy of the Lord.

Blessed are the righteous whose names are written in the book of life; for they shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

Having gotten the victory striving for undefiled rewards.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee; in whose heart are Thy ways.

For he shall go from strength to strength and from life to life.

Wherefore seeing we are called by the Spirit of God, let us lay aside every weight of sin,

And run with patience the race that is set before us.

Whatsoever things are honest and true, whatsoever things are lovely and pure, whatever virtue there is and whatever praise, let us think on these things.

And the God who is our Father and who hath given us good hope, through grace shall comfort our hearts and establish us in every good word and work.

SIXTH SELECTION

Spring

IF GOD SO CLOTHE THE GRASS

O LORD our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

Who fillest the world with the beauty of the morning, and in the evening with the splendors of the sunset sky:

Who paintest the radiance of the landscape and giveth the gems of dew to every bud and blossom:

Who spreadeth upon the sky the fleece of clouds and lighteth up the dome of night with the brilliancy of stars:

Who causeth the plants to spring forth and bloweth the seeds about in the winds:

Who mixeth the seeds with rich mould and watereth them with soft rains.

O praise the Lord for His goodness,

And for His wonderful works to the children of men.

When the dust grew into hardness and the clods of the earth cleaved fast together:

when the waters were hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep was frozen:

Then the Lord sent forth His word and broke them asunder; He caused His winds to blow and the waters flowed.

Every murmuring brook hath a tongue,

And a voice sounds forth in every whispering wind.

The sun shineth down from above, and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof: the hills are clothed with verdure, and the rivers sparkle as with silver and gold.

The trees put forth their leaves and the buds break out into blossom.

The grass groweth up for cattle and the green herb for the service of man.

And the sower goeth forth in faith, casting precious seed into the warm furrows of the earth.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord; who can show forth all His wisdom?

Who can tell of His glory and of His goodness to the children of men?

Bless the Lord, O my soul! bless the Lord, and all that is within me bless His Holy name,

For His mercy endureth from generation to

generation and His power is an everlasting power.

Consider the works of the Lord, the lilies how they grow, and the roses how they bloom.

For God hath made everything beautiful in its time.

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field which to-day is, and to-morrow is cut off and cast away,

Will He not much more care for us His children?

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth,

For to everything there is an appointed season.

A time to plant and a time to pluck, a time to gather and a time to cast away,

A time to laugh and a time to die.

The grass withereth and the flower fadeth,

But he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

SEVENTH SELECTION

Autumn

FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof,

The world, and they that dwell therein.

He maketh the sun to shine, and sendeth the rain from heaven, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater.

While the earth remaineth seedtime and harvest shall not cease.

The summer is past, the harvest is come; now is the ingathering of the year. The orchards are rich with their fruit and the fragrance of vines fills the air.

The pastures are clothed with flocks and the valleys are covered with corn.

The sons of men go forth to their labor and the land yieldeth for them food.

In the field they reap the harvest and gather the vintage from the vineyard.

The hills are girded with gladness,

And the gardens are full of pleasantness.

The glory of the Lord is upon the face of the deep,

And the whole earth showeth forth His handiwork.

Blessed of God is the land for the dew of heaven, and for the deep that coucheth beneath,

For the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the sea,

For the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills,

For the precious things of the earth and its fulness, and for the good will of Him who giveth all.

Then let the fields be joyful, and all that is therein.

Let all the trees of the woods be glad before the Lord.

Let them put forth a beauty like unto flame, and a glory like unto the sunset sky, yea, let them all rejoice before the Lord.

Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars, beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying fowl,

Kings of the earth and all people, princes and all judges of the earth,

Both young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the name of the Lord.

For He crowneth the year with His goodness,

And the earth is full of His riches.

The eyes of all wait upon Him,

For He giveth them their meat in due season.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

The earth is full of the goodness of God, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits.

Bless the Lord, all ye His works,

And let all flesh bless His holy name forever.

EIGHTH SELECTION

Worship

O WORSHIP THE LORD

I was glad when they said unto me: Come, it is our holy day, let us go into the house of the Lord.

Let us take sweet counsel together; let our feet stand within His gates.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and be joyful of heart before Him,

For the Lord will teach us of His ways and we will walk in His paths.

Blessed be the temple hallowed by His name; pray for peace within its walls.

Peace to young and old that enter there; peace to every soul abiding therein.

O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together,

For with the Lord there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning; His mercy is everlasting and His truth endureth to all generations.

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord?

And with what offering shall I bow myself before the most High?

Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard that the Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator cannot be worshipped with men's hands as tho' He needed anything, seeing it is He that giveth to all life and breath and all things,

For in Him we live and move and have our being.

Wherefore the Lord delighteth not in vain offerings.

Neither respecteth He the prayers of them that be of a froward heart.

For they that serve Him must serve Him with a pure heart and with a willing mind.

And they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

Trust ye in the Lord and be fruitful in every good work.

For to do good, forgetting not to communicate unto them that are in affliction, is sacrifice well pleasing unto God.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

And give unto God the glory due unto His name.

The Lord our God is holy and all His ways are ways of righteousness and peace.

Blessed is the man that walketh in the pathway of peace, in whose spirit there is no guile.

He shall be steadfast and without fear,

And the Eternal shall be His everlasting portion.

The Spirit of the Lord shall dwell in him that is of a contrite heart,

And shall abide in them that seek to do His holy will.

Let the gladness of Thy service and the power of Thy presence be revealed unto our souls.

That we may know through Thy Spirit the fulness of joy.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,

They are the Sons of God.

Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness;

And make Thy way straight before my face.

Create within me a clean heart, O God;

And renew a right spirit within me.

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart,

Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

NINTH SELECTION

A Very Present Help in Trouble

IN THE ETERNAL IS EVERLASTING STRENGTH

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

The confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them afar off upon the sea.

A Father of the fatherless, a strength to the needy in his distress; a refuge for the oppressed.

Our dwelling place in all generations.

He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds; He telleth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names.

He giveth beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall.

He raiseth up all that be bowed down.

In the midst of trouble He will revive them; none of them that put their trust in Him shall be desolate.

He shall swallow up death in victory, and wipe away all tears.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God, for thou shalt yet praise Him for the help of his countenance.

When thou passest through the waters, He will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.

When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil.

He shall preserve thy soul.

It is He that shall forgive thine iniquities.

And heal all thy diseases.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

For they that sow in tears, ere long shall reap in joy.

So, then, be patient; God's word endureth for ever; yea, in eternity: Cast thy burden upon the Lord;

And He shall sustain thee.

Wait thou on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thy heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord. Trust ye in Him for ever.

For in the Eternal is everlasting strength.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul, return unto thy rest.

And the Lord will deal bountifully with thee.

He will never leave thee nor forsake thee ; He, watching over Israel, is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

For this God is our God for ever and ever.

He will be our guide even unto death.

TENTH SELECTION

Blessed are They

BLESSED is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
But whose delight is in the law of the Lord.
Blessed are they whose ways are pure:
Who walk in the path of His commandments.
Blessed are they who keep his statutes,
And who seek Him with all their heart.
Blessed are they who regard justice,
And who practise righteousness at all times.
Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
Blessed is he that considereth the poor,
The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee, O Lord,
In whose heart are Thy ways.
Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and causeth to approach unto Thee.
In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are they that mourn.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth :

And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

For the Lord giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy,

And the Lord in His mercy shall forgive them their iniquities.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Yea; they shall stand in the Holy place of the Lord, and abide in the tabernacle of the Almighty.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they : for, because of their works, shall the earth rejoice, and the nations shall be as one people.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they; for their affliction hath wrought in them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory and their names are written among the redeemed. Worthy are they to receive honor, and wisdom, and power, forever and ever. Amen.

ELEVENTH SELECTION

Righteousness and Peace

NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION

THE Lord our God hath prepared His throne for judgment. It is He who reigneth over all the earth.

And He will judge the world in righteousness and minister judgment to the people.

He will bring forth justice to the nations; He will bring forth mercy and truth.

The Lord will not fail nor faint till He have set justice in the earth; until He have burst the cruel yoke asunder, and given liberty to the captive and to them that are oppressed.

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us what deeds Thou didst in their day, how Thou didst guide Thy people across the sea:

And didst lead them into a land which they should forever receive as an inheritance.

Not by their swords obtained they the land, nor did their own strength gain them the victory,

But by Thy right hand and Thine arm because Thou hadst favor unto them.

When they were yet very few in number, very few and strangers in the land:

When they were wandering in the wilderness and found no city to dwell in:

When they were hungry and thirsty and their souls grew faint within them:

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them out of all their distresses.

In righteousness and peace hath He called us and set us as a great light among the nations.

And in the need of the times that are and shall be, the Lord, the Eternal, shall be our help and that of all generations.

Pray for the peace of our land; let all the people say peace be within thee,

And prosperity within thy borders.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say this whom he hath redeemed from many lands,

And called from the East and from the West; from the North and from the South.

O let them praise the Lord for His goodness,

And for His wonderful works to the children of men.

Arise, O Lord, that the nations may know thy power; arise, O God, and let not brutish men have dominion upon the earth,

Nor they that know not thy law triumph in their might.

Lighten, O Lord, the dark places of the nations and give peace and godliness to the world,

So that the cruel shall be turned to mercy, and in the spring of graciousness the unthankful shall open his heart.

Pour out Thy spirit upon all flesh and write Thy law upon the hearts of men,

Then shall there be the flame of freedom in men's souls and the light of knowledge in their eyes.

Let justice dwell in the far-off isles and righteousness abound among the people.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

And men shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation shall not lift up the sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.

Let good will speed from nation to nation; let the pleasant voices of friends be heard in distant lands.

Yea: let the whole earth rejoice together as one people.

And the melody of righteousness shall be as the new song of them that are redeemed.

So shall the morning and the evening be full of joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

TWELFTH SELECTION

The Memorial of Virtue

THE MEMORY OF THE JUST SHALL BE BLESSED

LET us now praise famous men renowned for power and righteousness through whom the Lord hath wrought great glory.

Leaders of the people by their judgment, giving counsel by their understanding and foresight.

Wise and eloquent in their teachings and through knowledge and might fit helpers of the people.

All these were honored in their generation and were the glory of their times.

There be some who have left a name behind them whose remembrance is sweet as honey in all mouths.

And there be some who have no memorial, who are perished as though they had never been.

They were despised and oppressed; they were slandered and starved in the converse of souls:

Yet their righteousness is not forgotten and the glory of their work cannot be blotted out.

Though their flesh be consumed and their bodies be buried in unknown graves:

Yet, in the end, shall the beauty of their lives prevail; the conquest of the slain prophets shall be perfect and sure.

In their day and generation they were faithful to the cause of virtue, matching their high faith by heroic deeds,

And witnessing of the spirit within, testifying of the things unseen and eternal.

Let the people tell of their wisdom and the congregation show forth their praise,

That the righteous may be held in everlasting remembrance and the memory of the just be blessed.

Wherefore, seeing we have such examples before us, let us lay aside every weight of sin, and run with patience the race that is set before us.

For in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Though a good life hath but few days, yet a good name endureth forever.

Yea: a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and righteous favor rather than silver and gold.

Mark the perfect man and behold the up-

right; for the path of the just is as the shining light,

That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men; be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might,

For in the Lord the Eternal is everlasting might.

War a good warfare, and with a good conscience, enduring as seeing the Invisible,

That ye may lay hold on eternal life whereunto ye are also called.

For it behooved the Captain of our Salvation, in bringing many sons to glory, to endure the cross, disregarding the shame that he might be made perfect through suffering.

And all they that are led by the same spirit are sons of God, and joint heirs to the eternal kingdom.

Be ye then faithful through life and faithful unto death,

For they that do the will of the Lord shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that testify for righteousness' sake as the stars forever and ever.

Responsive Reading for Christmas

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY

GLORY be to God on high.

And on earth peace good will to men.

Behold I bring unto you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people; for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.

And he shall be the Prince of Peace. His government shall be established in righteousness and love.

Blessed be the Lord God, for he hath not left himself without a witness,

But hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

That we should serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

Through the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

Giving light to those who sit in darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings;

That publisheth peace, that proclaimeth glad tidings of salvation.

He shall not strive nor cry, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged till he have established equity in the earth.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding;

The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

Anointing him to preach good tidings to the poor, to bind up the broken-hearted;

To comfort those who mourn; to proclaim liberty to the captives;

The opening of the prisons to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

He was tempted like as we are, and no fault was found in him.

He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

He went about doing good: he bore witness to the truth, proclaiming to all mankind the coming of the kingdom of God.

And no guile was found in him.

To him also were the little children brought.

And laying his hand upon their heads, he blessed them.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good, and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set us in the way of his steps.

GLORIA.

Choir and people uniting.

NOW unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,
Be honor and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Responsive Reading for Good Friday

MY HEART IS DESOLATE

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications; in Thy faithfulness answer me and in Thy righteousness:

For my spirit is overwhelmed within me and my heart is desolate.

Many that see me laugh me to scorn, saying, He trusted on the Lord that He would deliver him: let Him deliver him, seeing he delighted in Him.

The sorrows of death compass me and the floods of destruction make me afraid.

O my God! why hast Thou forsaken me? Why art Thou so far from me and from the voice of my cry?

In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be confounded.

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul to Thee.

As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Let not the water flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up; and let not the grave shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord; for thy loving-kindness is good. Turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

Our fathers trusted in thee. They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered. They trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

Be not far from me; for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

Send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me.

Oh, let them bring me unto thy holy hill.

Thou spakest sometime in vision to thy saints, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found my servant, and with holy oil have I anointed him.

My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him, and in my name shall he be exalted.

I will set his dominion in the seas, and his right hand in the rivers.

He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.

Also I will make him my first-born, higher than the kings of the earth.

My mercy shall keep him forevermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

His seed also will I make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him who is the health of my countenance and my God.

Thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave: thou wilt show me the path of life.

In thy presence is fulness of joy: at thy right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Blessed be the Lord God that giveth beauty for ashes, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Blessed be the dawn of his everlasting light.

Responsive Reading For Easter

WE SHALL NOT DIE, BUT LIVE

WE praise Thee, O God, we magnify Thee. Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

Blessed be the name of the Lord forever, for He hath visited and redeemed His people.

Hadst Thou not remembered our low estate, and bent to us with Thy testimonies from of old,

We had been in darkness and the shadow of death, and the light of Thy countenance had been hid.

When Thou gavest the earth for the abode of man, Thou didst portion his days in Thy wisdom and mercy.

Thou holdest in Thy right hand his years, and their record beareth witness.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

We shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Sing, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth; for the former things have passed away, and all things have become new.

The Son of man hath gone up on high, made perfect through suffering for the holy of holies.

In him did the fulness of Thy spirit dwell; and of his fulness we may all partake.

In him was the light, and whoso followeth him shall not walk in darkness.

He came unto the world bearing witness of the truth.

And every one that is of the truth heareth his voice.

He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Being found worthy to receive the crown of everlasting life.

We are no more strangers and exiles, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

Thou hast made one family, there and here; one living communion of seen and unseen.

Not long, O Lord, shall we feel after Thee in these courts below; not long wilt Thou hearken to these faltering lips.

Our fathers Thou hast called to Thy higher praise, and gathered to their fathers must all the children be.

We therefore pray Thee, O Lord, help Thy servants whom Thou hast created in Thy image.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

Let the dead and living praise Thee, O God, above, below: let all the generations praise Thee.

Let the glorified company of the first-born praise Thee who dwellest in the heavens.

Blessed be the Eternal One who giveth us the victory.

And calleth us by His spirit to become the Sons of God.

Blessed be the Lord our God who maketh us heirs of immortality and joint heirs with Christ in heaven.

If so be we suffer with him that we may be also glorified together.

Blessed be the Lord God, that giveth beauty for ashes, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Blessed be the dawn of His everlasting light.

Thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave: Thou wilt show me the path of life.

In Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE PSALMS FOR THE DAY

The First Day of the Month

Psalm I

BLESSED is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful;

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in due season: its leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The wicked are not so; but are like the chaff, which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the wicked cannot stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm IV

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; Thou hast enlarged me when

I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

Many are saying, "Nevermore can we see happiness." Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.

Thou puttest joy in my heart, more than in time of the harvests of grain and wine.

In peace I lie down, yea, and I slumber; Thou, Lord, alone makest me to dwell in safety.

Psalm v

Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God: for unto Thee do I pray.

My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord.

In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee and will look up.

For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness; neither shall evil dwell with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness; make Thy way straight before my face.

Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, be-

cause Thou defendest them: let them also that love Thy name be joyful in Thee.

For Thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous: with favor wilt Thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalm viii

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens.

When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

What is man that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that Thou visitest him?

For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth.

The Second Day of the Month

Psalm ix

I WILL praise Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will show forth all Thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in Thee: I will sing praise to Thy name, O Thou Most High.

The Lord shall endure forever; He hath prepared His throne for judgment.

And He shall judge the world in righteousness, He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee; for Thou, O Lord, forsakest not those that seek Thee.

Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion:

Declare His doings among the people. He forgetteth not the cry of the godly.

Psalm xv

Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, and uttereth no reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned: but he honoreth them that fear the Lord, he that sweareth to his own hurt and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to extortion; nor taketh a bribe against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psalm xvi

Preserve me, O God: for in Thee do I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: I have no happiness but in Thee.

The Lord is my portion and my cup: Thou maintainest my lot.

I will bless the Lord who hath given me counsel: my heart also admonishes me in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth: my flesh also rests in safety.

For Thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave;

Neither wilt Thou suffer Thy beloved one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life; in Thy presence is fulness of joy.

At Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm xvii

Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer that goeth not out of false lips.

Hold up my steps in Thy paths, that my feet slip not.

I call upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God!

Incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my words.

Show Thy marvellous loving kindness, O Thou that savest by Thy right hand those that put heir trust in Thee.

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness.

I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness.

The Third Day of the Month

PSALM XVIII

I WILL love Thee, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock, and my fortress and my deliverer;

My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and my high tower.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of destruction made me afraid.

The sorrows of the grave compassed me about; the snares of death overtook me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God.

He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him.

He brought me forth into a large place; He delivered me, because He delighted in me.

The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.

To the merciful thou showest Thyself merciful; to an upright man Thou showest Thyself upright;

To the pure Thou showest Thyself pure; and to the wrathful Thou showest Thyself wrathful.

The ways of God are just and true, His word is pure, tried in the fire.

He is a buckler to all those that trust in Him.

For who is God save the Eternal? or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way plain.

Psalm xix

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handy-work.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.

Yet their sound is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun: which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

The judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether; more to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned;

And in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors?

Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me.

Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight,

O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

The Fourth Day of the Month

Psalm xxiii

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm xxiv

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein;

For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in His holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord;

And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Psalm xxv

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed.

Let none that wait on Thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.

Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; in Thee do I trust all the day.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.

According to Thy mercy remember Thou me, for Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will He teach sinners in the way.

The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

For Thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him;

And He will show them His covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn Thou unto me, and have mercy upon me, for I am desolate and afflicted.

Lighten the sorrows of my heart; O bring Thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

O keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in Thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait on Thee.

The Fifth Day of the Month

Psalm xxvii

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after;

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion:

In the secret place of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me upon a rock.

Therefore will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy;

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not Thy face far from me, Thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thy heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

Psalm xxix

Give unto the Lord, ye sons of God, give unto the Lord honor and praise.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of majesty thundereth, the voice of the Lord resoundeth over great waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord will give strength unto His people.

The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Psalm xxx

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

In His favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

I cried to Thee, O Lord, and unto the Lord I made supplication.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be Thou my helper.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

Psalm xxxi

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; deliver me in Thy righteousness.

Be Thou to me a rock of refuge, a mountain fortress to help me.

Thou art my Rock and my Fortress, and for Thy name's sake Thou wilt lead me and guide me.

Into Thy hands I commit my spirit: Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

For Thou hast seen my affliction, Thou hast known my soul in adversities, and Thou hast set my feet in a large place.

My times are in Thy hand. Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant; save me for Thy mercies' sake.

Oh, how great is Thy goodness which Thou layest up for those who fear Thee: which Thou showest to those who take refuge in Thee before the sons of men.

In the covert of Thy presence wilt Thou hide them from the plottings of man: Thou wilt keep them secretly in shelter from the enmity of tongues.

O love the Lord, all ye His saints; for the Lord preserveth the faithful and plentifully requiteth the proud doer.

Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

The Sixth Day of the Month

Psalm xxxii

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is pardoned.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For this shall every man that is godly pray unto Thee; that in the hour of distress the rush of great waters may not overtake him.

Thou art my hiding place, Thou dost preserve me from trouble; Thou dost encompass me with security.

The Lord saith, I will instruct thee, and show thee the way thou must go, I will guide thee with Mine eye.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart.

Psalm xxxiii

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

The word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: He layeth up the deep in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

For He spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

And the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven; He beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of His habitation He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He fashioneth the hearts of all; He observeth all their works.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him.

Upon them that hope in His mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth on the Lord: He is our help and our shield.

For our heart rejoices in Him; we trust in His holy name.

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.

The Seventh Day of the Month

Psalm xxxiv

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

O, taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

O, fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous;

but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

Psalm xxxvi

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are like the great deep: O Lord, Thou preservest man and beast.

How precious is Thy loving kindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

For with Thee is the fountain of life: in Thy light shall we see light.

O continue Thy loving kindness to those who know Thee,

And Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

The Eighth Day of the Month

Psalm xxxvii

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious of those who work iniquity.

Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He shall give thee success.

And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

For the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in His way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with His hand.

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

Yet he passed away, and, lo! he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: He is their strength in the time of trouble.

Psalm xl

I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry, and He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and resorteth not to men of pride and falsehood.

Many, O Lord my God, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done; many are Thy gracious thoughts toward us: if I would

declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation; lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, Thou knowest.

I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation.

I have not concealed Thy loving kindness and Thy truth from the great congregation. Withhold not Thou Thy tender mercies from me, O Lord.

Let Thy loving kindness and Thy truth continually preserve me.

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee.

Let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

The Ninth Day of the Month

Psalm xlvi

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Be still, and know that I am God: I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm xlviii

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

We remember Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

As Thy name, O God, so extends Thy praise unto the ends of the earth: Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of Thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces.

For this God is our God for ever and ever.

He will be our Guide even unto death.

Psalm l

The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

Our God shall come and shall not keep silence.

He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth that He may judge His people.

And the heavens shall declare His righteousness; for God is judge Himself.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: O Israel, and I will admonish thee: I am God, even thy God.

Every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills: I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

If I were hungry I would not tell thee; for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

And call upon Him in the day of trouble; for He will deliver thee and thou shalt glorify Him.

The Tenth Day of the Month

Psalm li

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight.

Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

Psalm lv

Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not Thyself from my supplication.

Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint.

My heart is sore pained within me; and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness.

I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice.

He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

God shall hear, even He that abideth of old. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Psalm lvii

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in Thee: yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

He shall send from heaven, and save me. God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto Thee among the nations.

For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the clouds.

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let Thy glory be above all the earth.

The Eleventh Day of the Month

Psalm lxi

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth I cry unto Thee, for my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For Thou art my shelter, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in Thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of Thy wings.

For Thou, O God, wilt hear my vows, and give me the heritage of those that fear Thy name.

Psalm lxii

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from Him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us.

Psalm lxiii

O God, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my heart longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see Thy power and Thy glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary.

Because Thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee.

Thus will I bless Thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in Thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied; and my mouth shall praise Thee with joyful lips:

When I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the night-watches.

Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth after Thee: Thy right hand upholdeth me.

Psalm lxvi

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

Sing forth the honor of His name: make His praise glorious.

All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee; it shall celebrate Thy name.

Come and see the works of God: He is wonderful in His doing toward the children of men.

He ruleth by His power for ever: His eyes behold the nations.

Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard:

Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For Thou, O God, hast proved us: Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul.

I cried unto Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

But verily God hath heard me; He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God who hath not turned away my prayer nor His mercy from me.

The Twelfth Day of the Month

Psalm lxix

SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

I will offer my prayer unto Thee, O Lord: O God, in the greatness of Thy mercy hear me, in the truth of Thy salvation.

Deliver me, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the grave shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord; for Thy loving-kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies.

And hide not Thy face from Thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it.

For I am poor and sorrowful: let Thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

Psalm lxx

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee: and let such as love Thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God:

Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

Psalm lxxi

In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion.

Deliver me in Thy goodness, and cause me to escape: incline Thine ear to me, and save me.

Be Thou my strong habitation, where I may continually resort: Thou hast given commandment to save me; for Thou art my rock and my fortress.

For Thou art my hope, O Lord God: Thou art my trust from my youth.

By Thee have I been holden up ever since I was born; my praise shall be continually of Thee.

Let my mouth be filled with Thy praise and with Thy honor all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

For I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more.

My mouth shall show forth Thy righteousness and Thy salvation all the day; for Thy mercies are more than I can number.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only.

O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared Thy wondrous works.

Also when I am old and gray headed, O God, forsake me not: until I have showed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to those who are to come.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto Thee; and my soul, which Thou hast redeemed.

The Thirteenth Day of the Month

PSALM LXXIII

TRULY God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.

But as for me, my feet were almost gone: my steps had well nigh slipped.

For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm.

They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men.

Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment.

And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High?

Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency.

For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me;

Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end.

Nevertheless I am continually with Thee: Thou hast holden me by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire besides Thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

For, lo, they that are far from Thee shall perish.

But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Thy works.

Psalm lxxvii

I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and He gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will He be favorable no more?

Is His mercy clean gone for ever? doth His promise fail for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath He in anger shut up His tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High; I will remember the works of the Lord.

I will meditate also of all Thy work and talk of Thy doings.

Thou art the God that doest wonders: Thou hast declared Thy strength among the people.

Thy way is in the sea and Thy path in the great waters, and Thy footsteps are not known.

The Fourteenth Day of the Month

Psalm lxxxiv

HOW lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house: they will be still praising Thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee;

In whose heart are the ways of them who passing through the valley of weeping make it a well.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

Psalm lxxxv

Show us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for He will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before Him; and shall set us in the way of His steps.

Psalm lxxxvi

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul: O Thou my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou wilt answer me.

All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name.

For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

Teach me Thy way, O Lord; I will walk in Thy truth: unite my heart to fear Thy name.

I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with

all my heart: and I will glorify Thy name for evermore.

For great is Thy mercy toward me; Thou hast delivered my soul.

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Oh, turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give Thy strength unto Thy servant and save the Son of Thine handmaid.

The Fifteenth Day of the Month

Psalm lxxxix

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever; with my mouth will I make known Thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: Thy faithfulness shalt Thou establish in the very heavens.

And the heavens shall praise Thy wonders, O Lord: Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee, or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them.

The heavens are Thine, the earth also is Thine: as for the world, and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.

In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

Psalm xc

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood;

they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee, our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

The Sixteenth Day of the Month

Psalm xci

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

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Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation.

Psalm xcii

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High.

To show forth Thy lovingkindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night.

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work: I will triumph in the work of Thy hands.

O Lord, how great are Thy works! and Thy thoughts are very deep.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be green and flourishing.

To show that the Lord is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

The Seventeenth Day of the Month

Psalm xcv

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Psalm xcvi

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people: for the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.

Honor and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, Oh ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth.

Say among the nations that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord:

For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth.

He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth.

Psalm xcvii

The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne.

His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.

The Eighteenth Day of the Month

Psalm xcviii

O SING unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous things.

His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory.

The Lord hath made known His salvation.

His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together before the Lord.

For He cometh to judge the earth; with righteousness shall He judge the world and the people with equity.

Psalm c

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm ci

I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto Thee, O Lord, will I sing.

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when wilt Thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

A froward heart shall depart from me: I will know no evil thing.

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Whoso slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off: him that hath a high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land that they may dwell with Me:

He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve Me.

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within My house. He that telleth lies shall not tarry in My sight.

Psalm cii

When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory.

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary: from heaven did the Lord behold the earth.

To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those who are appointed to death.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: Thy years are throughout all generations.

Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth.

And the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

They shall perish but Thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment: as a vesture shalt Thou change them and they shall be changed.

But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end.

The Nineteenth Day of the Month

Psalm ciii

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared His throne in the heavens; and His kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye His angels, that excel in

strength, that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His word.

Bless ye the Lord all ye His hosts; ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm civ

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

Who layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds His chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind.

Who maketh the winds His angels; flames of fire His ministers.

Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At Thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away.

The mountains rose; the valleys sank down,

in the places which Thou hadst appointed for them.

Thou hast set a bound that the waters may not pass; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

Thou waterest the hills from Thy chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.

Thou causest the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that Thou mayest bring forth food out of the earth:

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon which He hath planted;

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth when to go down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are

things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

These wait all upon Thee, that Thou mayest give them their food in due season.

Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled; Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth Thy spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in His works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

The Twentieth Day of the Month

Psalm cv

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people.

Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him: talk ye of all His wondrous works.

Glory ye in His holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord, and His strength: seek His face evermore.

Remember His marvellous works that He hath done; His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;

When our fathers were but a few in number; yea, very few, and strangers in the land.

When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;

He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, He reproved kings for their sakes;

Saying, Touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm.

And He increased His people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

The people asked, and He satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham His servant.

And He brought forth His people with joy, and His chosen with gladness:

And gave them the land of the nations: and they inherited the labor of the people;

That they might observe His statutes and keep His laws. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm cvi

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;

For His lovingkindness endureth for ever.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord, or show forth all His praise? Blessed are they that keep justice;

And he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord, with the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people.

O visit me with Thy salvation, that I may see the prosperity of Thy chosen;

That I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation;

That I may glory with Thine inheritance.

We have sinned like our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

Our fathers understood not Thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of Thy lovingkindnesses.

They made a calf in Horeb and wor-

shipped a molten image; thus they changed their glory for the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.

They forgot God their saviour, who had done great things in Egypt, wondrous things in the land of Ham.

They were rebellious in their counsel and were brought low in their iniquity;

Nevertheless He remembered for them His covenant, and repented according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

Save us, O Jehovah our God, and gather us from among the nations,

To give thanks unto Thy holy name and to find our pride in Thy praise.

The Twenty-first Day of the Month

Psalm cvii

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their souls fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses.

And He led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron: they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.

He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands asunder.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

For He hath broken the gates of brass and cut the bars of iron asunder.

Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters.

These see the works of the Lord, and His wonders in the deep.

For He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they be quiet; so He bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Psalm cviii

O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the

people: and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.

For Thy mercy is great above the heavens: and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth;

That Thy beloved may be delivered: save with Thy right hand, and answer me.

Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly.

The Twenty-second Day of the Month

Psalm cxi

I WILL praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable and glorious:

And His righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered:

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear

him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed His people the power of His works, that He may give them the heritage of the nations.

The works of His hands are truth and justice; all His commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant for ever:

Holy and reverend is His name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His commandments:

His praise endureth for ever.

Psalm cxii

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Happy is the man who showeth favor, and lendeth: He will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely He shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever;

He shall be exalted with honor.

Psalm cxiii

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

Who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth! Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm cxv

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: He is their help and their shield.

The Lord hath been mindful of us: He will bless us.

He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.

The Lord increase you more and more, you and your children.

Blessed are ye of the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

The Twenty-third Day of the Month

Psalm cxvi

I LOVE the Lord, because He heareth my voice and my supplications.

Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

The cords of death compassed me, and the pains of the grave overtook me; I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

I will offer to Him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people.

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of Thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm cxviii

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His kindness is ever enduring.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that His kindness is ever enduring.

I called upon the Lord in distress: the

Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened me sore: but He hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

I will praise Thee: for Thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, which hath showed us light.

Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee: Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

The Twenty-fourth Day of the Month

Psalm cxix

HAPPY are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are they who observe His decrees, who seek Him with the whole heart.

Yea, who commit no iniquity, but follow in His ways.

Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep Thy statutes!

Then shall I not be put to shame, when I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep Thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord: teach me Thy statutes.

Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not Thy commandments from me.

My soul wastes away with longing after Thy injunctions all the time.

Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept Thy testimonies.

Thy testimonies also are my delight, and my counsellors.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken Thou me according to Thy word.

Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts: so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen Thou me according unto Thy word.

Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me Thy law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth: Thy judgments have I laid before me.

I will run the way of Thy commandments, when Thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way.

Establish Thy word unto Thy servant, who is devoted to Thy fear.

Turn away my reproach which I fear: for Thy judgments are good.

Behold I have longed after Thy precepts: quicken me in Thy righteousness.

Let Thy mercies come unto me, O Lord, even Thy salvation, according to Thy word.

Take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in Thy judgments.

So shall I keep Thy law continually for ever and ever.

The Twenty-fifth Day of the Month

PSALM CXIX (*continued*)

REMEMBER the word unto Thy servant, upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for Thy word hath quickened me.

I remembered Thy judgments of old, O Lord; and have comforted myself.

Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have remembered Thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept Thy law.

Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep Thy words.

I entreat Thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to Thy word.

I consider my ways, and turn my feet unto Thy testimonies.

I make haste, and delay not to keep Thy commandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy goodness: teach me Thy statutes.

Thou hast dealt well with Thy servant, O Lord, according unto Thy word.

Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed Thy commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now have I kept Thy word.

Thou art good and doest good: teach me Thy statutes.

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me the understanding to learn Thy commandments.

I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Let, I pray Thee, Thy merciful kindness

be for my comfort, according to Thy promise unto Thy servant.

Let Thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for Thy law is my delight.

Let my heart be sound in Thy statutes; that I be not put to shame.

My soul fainteth for Thy salvation: but I hope in Thy word.

Mine eyes fail for Thy word, saying, When wilt Thou comfort me?

Quicken me after Thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of Thy mouth.

For ever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven.

Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to Thine ordinances: for all are Thy servants.

Unless Thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

I will never forget Thy precepts: for with them Thou hast quickened me.

I am Thine, save me; for I have sought Thy precepts.

O how love I Thy law! it is my meditation all the day.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Thy word.

I have not departed from Thy judgments: for Thou hast taught me.

Through Thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

The Twenty-sixth Day of the Month

PSALM CXIX (*continued*)

THY word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep Thy righteous judgments.

Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

I have inclined mine heart to perform Thy statutes always, even unto the end.

I hate vain thoughts: but Thy law do I love.

Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in Thy word.

Depart from me, ye evil doers: for I will keep the commandments of my God.

Uphold me according unto Thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto Thy statutes continually.

Mine eyes fail for Thy salvation, and for the word of Thy righteousness.

Deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy, and teach me Thy statutes.

I am Thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know Thy testimonies.

Therefore I love Thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.

Therefore I esteem all Thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way.

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Guide Thou my steps in Thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep Thy precepts.

Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant; and teach me Thy laws.

Righteous art Thou, O Lord, and upright are Thy judgments.

Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in righteousness and very faithfulness.

Thy word is very pure: therefore Thy servant loveth it.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Thy law is truth.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet Thy commandments are my delight.

The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

I call with my whole heart; answer me, O Lord: I will keep Thy statutes.

Salvation is far from the wicked; for they seek not Thy statutes.

Great are Thy tender mercies, O Lord! quicken me according to Thy judgments.

I beheld the transgressors and was grieved because they kept not Thy word.

Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of Thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Great peace have they that love Thy law.

And nothing shall offend them.

The Twenty-seventh Day of the Month

Psalm cxxi

SHALL I lift up mine eyes unto the hills? Whence cometh my help?

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm cxxii

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded anew; a city that is at unity in itself;

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, after the custom of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

Psalm cxxiii

Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;

So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until He have mercy upon us.

Psalm cxxv

They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth, even for ever.

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in heart.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity.

But peace shall be upon Israel.

Psalm cxxx

Out of the depths, O Lord, do I cry unto Thee.

O Lord, hear Thou my voice: let Thine ears be attentive to the cry of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

The Twenty-eighth Day of the Month

Psalm cxxxvi

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever.

To Him who alone doeth great wonders: for His mercy endureth for ever.

To Him that by wisdom made the heavens; to Him that stretched out the earth above the waters.

For His mercy endureth for ever.

To Him that made great lights; the sun to rule by day; the moon and stars to rule by night.

For His mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our oppressors, who giveth food to all flesh.

O give thanks unto the God of Heaven: for His mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm cxxxviii

I will praise Thee with my whole heart. I will praise Thy name forThy lovingkindness and for Thy truth.

In the day when I cried Thou answeredst

me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

Tho the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly.

Tho I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me: Thou shalt stretch forth Thine hand, and Thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me; Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever:

Forsake not the works of Thine own hands.

Psalm cxxxix

O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me: Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; Thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid Thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in the grave, behold, Thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.

I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with Thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The Twenty-ninth Day of the Month

Psalm cxliii

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications; in Thy faithfulness answer me and in Thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust.

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art my God.

Thy Spirit is good; lead me in the land of uprightness.

Psalm cxliv

Blessed be the Lord, my strength, my goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and He in whom I trust.

Lord, what is man, that Thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that Thou makest account of him!

Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

Bow Thy heavens, O Lord, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

Deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:

That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace:

That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store; that there be no complaining in our streets.

Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

Psalm cxlv

I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts: and I will declare Thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord; and Thy saints shall bless Thee.

They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power;

To make known to the sons of men Thy mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of Thy kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and bountiful in all His works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him: He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name for ever and ever.

The Thirtieth Day of the Month

Psalm cxlvi

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry.

The Lord looseth the prisoners: the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind:

The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous:

The Lord preserveth the strangers: He relieveth the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turneth upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm cxlviii

Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts.

Praise ye Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars of light.

Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for He commanded, and they were created.

He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:

Fire and hail; snow and vapor; stormy wind fulfilling His word:

Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:

Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:

Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:

Both young men and maidens; old men and children:

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for His name alone is excellent.

His glory is above the earth and heaven. Praise ye the Lord.

The Thirty-first Day of the Month

CANTICLES

I

O SING unto the Lord a new song: declare His ways among the nations: His righteous acts unto children's children.

Sing unto the Lord all ye lands: sing praises unto His name.

For it is He that hath laid the strong foundations of the world and planted the everlasting hills.

It is He that doth guide the stars in their way and gird the earth with power.

He covereth the heavens with clouds: He prepareth rain for the earth and maketh the grass to grow; the lightnings flame in the sky, and like arrows from a bow, they fly forth as messengers of fire.

They fly forth to execute His will; they return not thither until they have fulfilled His law.

He giveth snow like wool: He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth His ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold?

He sendeth out His word and melteth them: He causeth His winds to blow and the waters flow.

He sendeth forth His commandment upon the earth: His word runneth very swiftly.

He quickeneth unto new life the souls that are righteous, and giveth unto them the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of might.

He openeth the eyes of the blind and revealeth His truth unto them that be of darkened mind.

O praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works unto the children of men.

Sing praises unto our God; for His mercy endureth throughout all generations.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary?

For there is no searching of His wisdom, and His understanding is infinite.

He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

And they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

II

Eternal Love, how excellent is Thy name for evermore. Thou lovest man with a never ending love.

And Thou hast redeemed him with power from on high.

Thou fillest his days with joy and his nights with peace.

According to the riches of Thy glory Thou dost supply his needs.

Thy mercy and Thy lovingkindness are his shield and strength: no evil shall come him nigh.

For his life is in Thy hand and his soul shall live for evermore.

III

Sing, O heavens, and rejoice, O earth; for the former things have passed away, and all things have become new.

Through the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high hath visited us, kindling the face of them that receive it, till they become the sons of God.

No longer is the dwelling of eternal life too bright above, and the perishable world too dark below.

No more are we strangers and exiles upon the earth, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

O Lord Almighty, we had said of Thee, "Thy thoughts are not as our thoughts."

But Thou hast given unto us the spirit of adoption whereby we are raised to think the eternal thoughts and know Thee to be the all embracing Mind.

We had said, "Our righteousness reacheth not unto Thee or to the holy ones of Thy presence."

But Thou hast made one family, there and here, one living commmunion of seen and unseen.

We had said Thou layest man fast in

everlasting sleep; but, lo! they sleep into everlasting waking.

Having passed through death to life, they go from strength to strength and from life to life.

Blessed be the Lord God that giveth beauty for ashes and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Blessed be the dawn of His everlasting light.

Now unto the God of grace for the might of His Spirit and for His eternal love,

Be glory in the church throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

APPENDIX

Introductory Services of Worship

TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THE RESPONSIVE READINGS

NOTE

THE following Services are added to the book of Responsive Readings not as substitutes for the customary liturgies, but for use on particular occasions. When combined with certain of the Selections, they will be found of value, it is hoped, in the celebration of

WHITSUNDAY
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
ADVENT
THE SPRING FESTIVAL
HARVEST SUNDAY
THANKSGIVING
ALL SAINTS' DAY
MEMORIAL DAY
GOOD FRIDAY
LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
PATRIOTS' DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

First Service

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

SENTENCES

One or more to be read by the Minister

THE hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth ; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Know ye not, that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?

The temple of the Lord is holy, which temple ye are.

Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me and know my thought; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Blessed are they whose ways are pure, who walk in the path of His commandments.

For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are sons of God.

Then shall the Minister say

The abiding place of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God. Let us, therefore, in purity of heart, draw near unto His holy presence, that we may, in spirit and in truth, commune with Him, The Only True, and find mercy and grace to help in time of need.

COMMON PRAYER

Minister and people alternately

O Thou eternal and everlasting One, who hath chosen for Thy temple the souls of them that are righteous, grant to us, we pray Thee, a quick and tender conscience that we fail not to heed every suggestion of Thine indwelling spirit.

Send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead us.

Reveal to us the beauty of Thy perfect will, the gladness of Thy service, the power of Thy presence in our hearts, that so with-

out fear we may follow whithersoever Thou mayest lead.

Be Thou, O Lord, our Guide and Help for evermore.

Calm the turbulence of our passions, quiet the throbbings of our hopes and fears, repress the waywardness of our wills, and direct the motions of our affections.

Strengthen us, O Lord, to bear all our trials patiently and to glorify Thee through our daily deeds.

We pray Thee to bless and comfort the aged, to give strength unto such as are bearing the burden and heat of the day, and to preserve all whom we love from the dangers of this present life.

Prepare them, O Lord, by Thy grace for life eternal.

O our heavenly Father, sanctify Thou our lives by Thy quickening presence, that no ignorance or sin may pervert us, and imprint upon our minds such a sense of Thy goodness that we may ever devote ourselves to Thy service in word and deed, and praising Thee both with our lips and our lives may go onward, through Thy mercy, to the joy of life everlasting. *Amen.*

Second Service

SENTENCES

To be read by the Minister

JESUS said, The first of the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to the other.

For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Then shall the Minister say

We are at this time met together as those who unite in the freedom of truth and the spirit of Jesus for the worship of God and the service of man. It is therefore both right and seemly that we should acknowledge and confess those things that are most commonly believed among us, to the end that in so doing we may strengthen and confirm our faith, wherefore I invite as many as are here present to join with me in saying:

Minister and People

I believe in
The Fatherhood of God,
The Brotherhood of Man,
The Leadership of Jesus,
Salvation by Character,
The Progress of Mankind
Onward and upward for ever.

Minister

Bearing these things in mind and heart, let us, as in the presence of God our Father, be of one voice in our prayers unto him, saying:

Minister and People

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister and People alternately

Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved Thee with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

We pray Thee, O Lord, in Thy great compassion, so to strengthen our purpose that we may be enabled to do those things which are pleasing in Thy sight.

Help us to forgive as we would be forgiven, dwelling neither in speech nor thought

upon offences committed against us, but loving our brother freely as Thou lovest us.

Grant Thy help, O Lord, that we may carefully watch over our tempers and overcome every unholy feeling.

Remove whatever in us may be a stumbling block in another's way, that we may conform to Thy will in things both small and great.

Bring us, O Lord, by Thy favor into complete accordance with Thy righteous laws.

O Thou who by Thy Spirit art continually calling us to be sons of God and who hast set One before us that he might be as the first born of many brethren, help us, we pray Thee, to forsake our sins and to renounce all vain and evil ways that so we may be like him in faith and love and heavenly communion, and finally attain, through Thy good grace, unto the measure of the stature of that fulness which Thou desirest in all Thy children. Amen.

Minister

Praise ye the Lord.

People

The Lord's name be praised.

A Service of Thanksgiving

SENTENCES

To be read by the Minister

O MAGNIFY the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

The Lord is the strength of our life, our hope, and our portion for evermore.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.

He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength.

Praise the Lord all ye nations; praise Him all ye people.

Come walk in His word with songs of joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Then shall the Minister say

It is given us to live in a world of many mysteries, but also of ever widening revelations, where day by day throughout the fourfold year Nature is inwrought with gracious ministry both to our outward and inward life. Let not the very nearness and constancy of our blessings hide from us the source whence they flow, but with grateful hearts and in unfeigned thankfulness may

we look up to the bountiful Giver who girds us with strength and crowns the seasons with joy. Acknowledging Him in prayer and praise, let us say as with one mind and one voice, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

COMMON PRAYER

To be said by the Minister and people

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister and people alternately

O Thou who art the Providence enfolding all our lives, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we lift to Thee the voice of our thanksgiving; we praise Thee for the life which Thou hast given us and for the manifold inspirations of Thy love.

We praise Thee, O Lord, and bless Thy holy name.

For the tokens of Thy wisdom and power in the least as in the greatest, for every moment of nearer communion with Thy spirit in all that is fair and glorious in the world.

We praise Thee, O Lord, and bless Thy holy name.

For home and friends, for all the comfort and gladness of our lives, for encouragement to duty, for succor in temptation, for sympathy in sorrow, for the peace that is gained through strife, and for the rest that comes after toil.

For these, O Lord, we magnify Thy name.

When our way is darkened and courage fails; when we are oppressed by trouble and bowed down with care; when our spirits fail within us and all strength gives way, then for the love which bids us bring our burdens unto Thee.

We praise Thee, O God, our Father and our unfailing Friend.

Make us less unworthy of Thy many mercies, and give us wisdom to know and grace to do Thy perfect will.

So may Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

Commemorative Service

THE MEMORIAL OF VIRTUE

SENTENCES

One or more to be read by the Minister

THE righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance, and the memory of the just shall be blessed.

Ye are no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.

This man died leaving his death for an example of a noble courage and a memorial of virtue, not only unto young men, but unto all his nation.

For this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Then shall the Minister say

Let us call to remembrance, and be glad in their goodness, the dead yet ever-living who have passed the doors beyond which we cannot see. As they kept the faith in time of trial and held fast to righteousness in the hour of temptation, so, inspired by their example, may we, when danger is near and the flesh is weak, triumph over every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and finally attain unto everlasting life.

COMMON PRAYER

Minister and People alternately

O Thou who keepest the steps of the upright in heart, from Thee cometh every good and perfect gift. Thine are the messengers that publish peace, that proclaim salvation to all mankind.

Thine, O Lord, is the love that answereth and filleth every prayerful spirit.

We thank Thee for the martyr souls who for righteousness' sake were persecuted, tormented, and afflicted, who had trial of mockings and scourging and died to save.

For the faithful who in their love believed beyond all believers.

For all those who overcame evil, and in faith and hope endured, esteeming the reproach for truth greater riches than the treasures of the world.

For them, O Lord, do we lift up the voice of praise.

Let the blessed company of those who have gone before and entered into rest be to us an example of righteous living, that so our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments.

Lord, fix our hearts on Thee.

Enable us by Thy grace to live worthily as in Thy sight and to be ready for whatsoever duty Thou seest fit to lay upon us; inspire us with the spirit of devotion to Thy holy will, whereby we may prove faithful in that which is least as well as in that which is most; and when our course on earth is run, if it be Thy will join us with those who have part in that eternal kingdom where death and pain are known no more.

Amen.

O Thou who hast raised up prophets and apostles to be mighty forerunners in all the blessed privileges of a heavenly inheritance,

draw us unto Thyself by the same uplifting power, that our feet stumble not on the dark mountains, nor falter in the valley of the shadow of death. Be Thou our strength and stay in all times of trial, and keep us in fellowship with those who while on earth strove to make firm and sure Thy righteous sway. So may we, having done Thy will, be given part in that heavenly heritage wherein peace and love are made perfect and Thou art all in all. *Amen.*

Or this

Almighty Father and Keeper of our souls, let not Thy merciful kindness fail us when burdens are heavy and sorrow is near. Give us faith when our dear ones die out of our sight, and in our own last hour lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us. Thou art the strength of those who put their trust in Thee. Send out Thy light and Thy truth to shine pure and strong over death and the grave. *Amen.*

Righteousness and Peace

SENTENCES

THE kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Let us follow after the things which make for peace, and the things whereby we may help one another.

In this the children of God are manifest, whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted of Him.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness which he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

Then shall the Minister say

In the holy quiet of this hour, let us together pray that the sense of the nearness

and faithfulness of God may be quickened within us. May our hearts be filled with gratitude and praise, and our daily lives be gladdened and uplifted by the thought of our divine kinship, and let us earnestly awaken to the high privilege of those accounted worthy to be fellow workers with Him, called by His Spirit to bring in the reign of righteousness and peace upon the earth.

COMMON PRAYER

Minister and People alternately

O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell in unity of spirit and in the bonds of peace, amid diversities of race and calling, enable us to trace Thy divine plan of love in the working out of which Thou dost give to each generation its appointed share.

Uphold in us, O Lord, the faith in our common brotherhood, that we may be kindly affectioned one toward another.

Grant that the blessings we have received from those gone before may be transmitted to them that are to come after us, with no principle impaired, but greatly strengthened

and illuminated by our steadfast loyalty and good works.

Make us worthy, O Lord, of all Thy benefits.

Revive in us and in the people of this land a spirit of devotion to the public weal, that so we may be kept from sloth and indifference, from every selfish indulgence and impurity, and from all corruption of civil government and the high citizenship committed to us.

Lead us, O Lord, in Thy righteousness.

Endue with the spirit of widsom those intrusted with authority, that there may be peace throughout this land, and that we may be an influence for good among the nations of the earth.

Let Thy peace, O Lord, rule in all our hearts.

Impel those in the seats of power and wealth to be faithful to their stewardship. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and suffer not the hire of the laborer to be kept back. Incline the hearts of those who are employed to forbearance and good will, that so the bonds of union and brotherly love may be maintained, and evermore firmly established.

Grant this prayer, O Lord.

Take from us all jealousy and envy at the good of others, all unkindness from offences given or taken, all unrighteous anger and an impatient spirit

O Lord, deliver us from evil.

O Thou in whom is calmness and peace, inspire in us that love which suffereth long and is kind, which envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, which doth not behave itself unseemly, and seeketh not its own; reconcile, we pray Thee, whatsoever dissensions may now divide us, and bring us more nearly into a unity of purpose which may bear some likeness to Thy blessed will, and finally, through Thy grace, unite us all as members of one family, that with one heart and one mind we may serve and glorify Thee our Father, and the Father of all mankind. *Amen.*

On occasions the following prayer may be used

Keep us, O Lord God, from all pettiness, and let us be large in thought, in word, and in deed; let us be done with fault-finding and from all manner of self-seeking. Enable

us to put away pretence, and to meet each other face to face without self pity and without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgment, but always generous. Teach us to put into action our better impulse straightforward and unafraid, and grant that we may realize it is the little things that create difference; for in the larger things of life we are one. May we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all, and, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

Amen.

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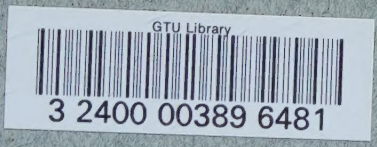
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